

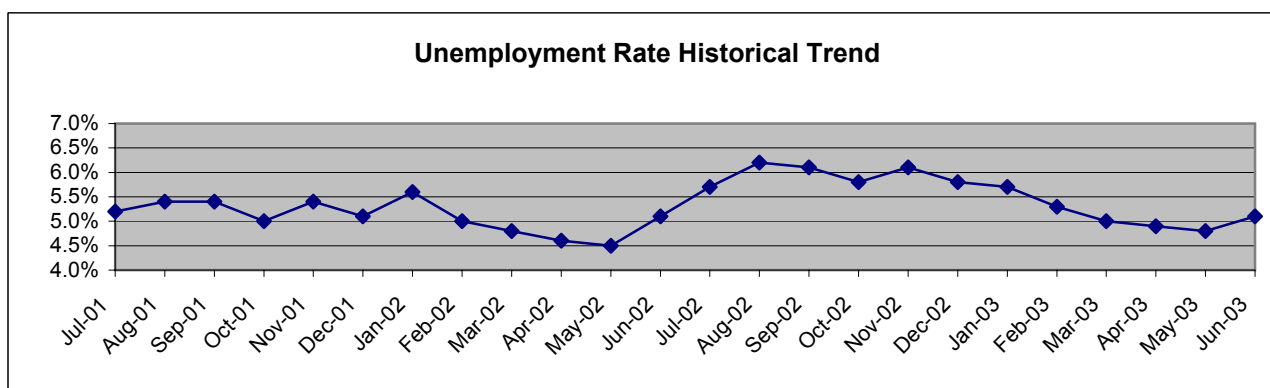
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 VENTURA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Ventura County)

The unemployment rate in Ventura County was 5.1 percent in June 2003, up from a revised 4.8 percent in May 2003, but the same as the year-ago estimate of 5.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.7 percent for California and 6.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Month to month changes				Year to year changes		
	May 2003	June 2003	Change		June 2002	June 2003	Change
Total jobs	298,400	297,500	(900)		304,900	297,500	(7,400)
Farm	23,300	21,900	(1,400)		21,200	21,900	700
Natural resources and mining	700	700	0		800	700	(100)
Construction	13,800	13,700	(100)		15,600	13,700	(1,900)
Manufacturing	36,500	36,700	200		39,000	36,700	(2,300)
Trade, transportation and utilities	52,300	52,400	100		51,900	52,400	500
Information	8,000	8,000	0		8,300	8,000	(300)
Financial activities	22,000	22,400	400		21,900	22,400	500
Professional and business services	34,100	34,200	100		36,700	34,200	(2,500)
Educational and health services	27,100	27,000	(100)		25,800	27,000	1,200
Leisure and hospitality	26,800	26,700	(100)		27,400	26,700	(700)
Other services	8,400	8,400	0		10,200	8,400	(1,800)
Government	45,400	45,400	0		46,100	45,400	(700)

Note - Data not adjusted for seasonality

Additional data are available on-line at <http://www.calmis.ca.gov>